

Daily Devotion For October 5, 2022

“Let everyone be subject to the governing authorities, for there is no authority except that which God has established. The authorities that exist have been established by God.” Romans 15:1

Well, if you read yesterday’s devotional, you may be wondering if I was called to jury duty. Well, this afternoon was another long day of waiting for the jury selection process. I go again back tomorrow afternoon.

The case is a criminal murder case and the court has called 300 prospective jurors. This afternoon was the first day that a jury was seated and the judges and lawyers began the process of voir dire. This is where the judges and lawyers ask the jurors questions to determine if they can be free of bias (prejudice) or whether there is any other reason why they cannot be fair and impartial.

Jury duty is not optional for anyone summoned in the United States. Part of living in a free society is that every citizen must be willing to participate in the governmental and judicial systems that help keep us free. Because our court system relies on the jury system, thousands of citizens are summoned each year to be screened as possible jurors. How should Christians respond when summoned for jury duty?

The above scripture passage from Romans 15 gives us instruction on how we should respond. The apostle Paul writes that we should be “subject to the governing authorities.”

**Thought For Today:** Have you ever been on jury duty? What was your experience? In your daily life, can you be free from bias and prejudice?

**Today’s Prayer Focus:** Pam Yoshida’s brother Richard passed away yesterday morning after being at CHOMP and Cypress Rehab for several months. Please remember the Yoshida family in prayer.

Continue to pray for the many in our church family in need of God’s healing touch. Joyce Gota recovering from cataract surgery, Nancy Ichiuji, Bob McIntyre, Anne Bevier, Anne Kageyama, and God’s presence and comfort for Shirley Wong. Deo Volente